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MS PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  $\square$  continuation  $\boxtimes$  divisional  $\square$  continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R.  $\S$  1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/031,835 filed on March 26, 2004, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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for

BIOMATERIALS FOR PREVENTING POST-SURGICAL ADHESIONS COMPRISED OF HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVES

 Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable). 2.  $\square$  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

,			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	24-20 =	4	x 18 = \$72.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
	· · ·	TOTAL	\$1,132.00	\$0.00

3.	⊠ .	A check in the amount of \$1,132.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.		Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.		Enclosed is/are $\underline{\text{twenty-six}}$ (26) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
6a.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/031,835 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
6b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.	$\boxtimes$	The prior application is assigned to <u>Fidia Advanced</u> <u>Biopolymers</u> , S.r.l.
8.		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9a.		Priority of Application No(s) filed in on is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on
9b.	$\boxtimes$	Priority of International Appln. <a href="PCT/EP96/03805">PCT/EP96/03805</a> filed on <a href="August 29">August 29</a> , <a href="1996">1996</a> under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

and <u>Foreign</u> Application No(s). <u>PD95A000166</u> and <u>PD95A000167</u> both filed in <u>Italy</u> on <u>August 29, 1995</u>

under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

- 10. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- 11. Address all future communications to:

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- 12. An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_() month(s) until has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/031,835 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
- 13.  $\boxtimes$  Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Application Data Sheet

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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I hereby certify that the enclosed DIVISIONAL APPLICATION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to MS PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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